

Resource List – Nearshore Environment

Most of these links require an internet connection, some link to documents on this CD-ROM.

Bainbridge Island Nearshore Assessment

The Bainbridge Island Nearshore Assessment is the most comprehensive look at the Bainbridge Island shoreline, and one of the most comprehensive assessments in all of Puget Sound. The project has produced the following documents:

Summary of Best Available Science (document on this CD-ROM)

(also available on-line at: www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/nearshore-BAS)

An approachable document to the general audience that explains the nearshore ecosystem, how it functions, and how shoreline modifications either impact or do not impact nearshore ecological function.

Nearshore Habitat Characterization & Assessment, Management Strategy Prioritization, and Monitoring Recommendations

(available soon on-line at: www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us/nearshore-report)

This report assesses the current level of ecological function around Bainbridge Island, lays out a methodology for prioritizing actions that conserve and restore ecological function, and makes recommendation for comprehensive long-term monitoring.

WA Dept of Ecology

The Department of Ecology oversees shoreline management in the state and provides a lot of useful information and guidance, including the following:

Puget Sound Shorelines

A very good and approachable web site for the waterfront property owner or those interested in shorelines.

Puget Sound Landslides

Interested in learning more about landslides in Puget Sound? This is the best place to start.

Shoreline Aerial Photos

Oblique aerial photos of all marine shorelines in the state. Use these to better understand the context of a particular site within a broader shoreline context.

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Digital Coastal Atlas

A web based mapping application that puts very valuable information at your fingertips in an interactive way.

Vegetation Management: A Guide for Puget Sound Bluff Property Owners

Are you currently or interested in managing vegetation on your shoreline property? Learn about what to do and what not to do. This document is an excellent resource.

Slope Stabilization and Erosion Control Using Vegetation: A Manual of Practice for Coastal Property Owners

Interested in using vegetation to stabilize your slope? This document is an excellent resource and was written by a local Bainbridge Island firm.

Surface Water and Groundwater on Coastal Bluffs: A Guide for Puget Sound Property Owners

Curious about surface water and groundwater and if it might be affecting the stability of your slope? This document is an excellent resource and was written by a local Bainbridge Island firm.

Puget Sound Action Team

The Puget Sound Action Team coordinates environmental management for the Puget Sound basin and provides an amazing amount of wonderful information, including the following:

Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program

This program conducts long-term monitoring of various environmental indicators from shore birds to marine sediment as well as reports on trends and the general health of the Puget Sound.

Salmon in the Nearshore Web Links

A comprehensive list of information resources, ranging from general to technical.

British Columbia Stewardship Center

This web site contains many really good publications that can be applied to the Puget Sound.